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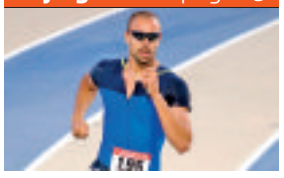

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A family friend washes blood outside a house in Westwood Plateau yesterday after a woman was mauled by a black bear while gardening. Inset: Blood can be seen on a mat by the front door.

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Black bear attack

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Neighbours and passersby threw rocks and fought off a black bear with a broom handle, likely saving the life of a Coquitlam woman who was mauled yesterday morning in her driveway in Westwood Plateau.

The bear attack occurred outside 1507 Bramble Lane between 9:30 and 10 a.m. while the woman was gardening.

"(The bear) started to bite her in the arms and legs and mauled her on the top of the skull," said RCMP Corp. Tony Farahbakhchian. "She started to scream."

Sabrina Susin, who lives two doors away, heard the screams and rushed outside. She saw a woman holding rags on the injured woman's wounds while others, neighbours and bystanders, threw rocks at the bear to keep it at bay.

"It just wouldn't go away," said Susin, who described the experience as surreal. "It was kind of in-between the houses and it kept trying to approach her.

"At one point it got really close. The other lady who was helping had a broom handle and she was whacking at the bear with the broom handle.

"Kate got the strength to get up, and we went to the sidewalk and that's when the police arrived."

The woman, whose name is believed to be Kate Yin, was in stable condition yesterday afternoon in Royal Columbian Hospital.

A neighbour said the woman's daughter was at the hospital.

Neighbour Cam Drysdale said he heard the screams and later five gunshots. He said bears are common in the area.

RCMP shot the bear at the side of the house with a shotgun and then followed it into a neighbour's backyard and killed it.

Conservation officers removed the carcass and will try to determine why the attack occurred.

children in vicinity

- The attack occurred across the street from an elementary school, where a children's day camp is held, and two doors away from a preschool.

2010 torch relay won't be global

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REVIEW The Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics won't be staging an international torch relay to avoid potential protests like those accompanied by the 2008 relay to Beijing.

The International Organizing Committee announced yesterday it's reviewing the relay after the international leg of the Beijing Summer Games' torch run sparked protests against China's human rights record and its policies in Tibet.

Major demonstrations were held during the London and Paris legs of the torch relay, while smaller protests were held in other cities around the world.

The Vancouver Organizing Committee also unveiled the 2010 Olympic torch relay emblem, an image that symbolizes the 35,000-kilometre journey involving 12,000 torchbearers and some 1,000 communities across Canada.

John Furlong, VANOC CEO, said the 2010 relay will be announced at the end of the year.

London 2012

- The London 2012 Summer Games' torch relay will likely be kept within the United Kingdom as well, according to some reports.

GM Place must lose corporate title for 2010

VENUE General Motors Place will get a new name during the 2010 Winter Games in following with an International Olympic Committee policy that venues not have corporate labels.

The arena, which will be home to many of the ice events during the Games, will likely be renamed Canada Hockey Place, said John Furlong, CEO of the Vancouver Organizing Committee. Furlong was in Beijing yesterday to present a progress report to the International Olympic Committee, which will have to approve the name change, CBC News Online reports.

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Former minister calls for floating bridge to Vancouver Island
A former Social Credit cabinet minister said the time has come for a bridge to Vancouver Island. Patrick McGeer suggests a floating bridge, adding it only requires a visionary political leader. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Local

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Wedded bliss times 8/8/8

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Tomorrow is said to be a lucky day to get married and Fred Lee and Shauna Walker, who are tying the knot in Vancouver, say they've already had nothing but good fortune leading up to their big day.

Lee, 36 and Walker, 30 won a contest to have their wedding at Sun Yat-Sen Chinese Garden.

"Eight, eight, eight is a very lucky day, especially in Chinese culture," said Sacha Chin, who organized the couple's wedding.

Lee and Walker had been runners-up in the contest, and their first lucky break came when the winning couple had to cancel.

"Our caterers … were already booked to do a wedding but … decided to cater our wedding as well," said Walker. "We've just been lucky."

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Charlotte Whale is getting married in Cranbrook tomorrow.

Ryan Wales, 29, and Charlotte Whale, 27, who are getting married in Cranbrook, started planning their day a year and a half in advance to be sure they could get hitched on Aug. 8.

"Everybody remembers when our wedding is," said Wales, who met his fiancée while they were undergraduates at the University of B.C. "The cake person and decorator, we had to book way ahead of time or it was going to be pretty difficult (to get them)."

Fight breast cancer with sweetness

CHEFS There's a delicious new way to participate in the fight against breast cancer this month — indulging in your sweet tooth.

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation has joined forces with chefs at six of Vancouver's top restaurants for Tickled Pink, a month-long campaign to fundraise for breast cancer research.

Each restaurant is adding a pink-hued dessert to its menu for August, with proceeds going to the CIBC Run For The Cure on Oct. 5.

Christina Doo, with Fuse Pan Asian Express in Yaletown, said participating in the event would be a creative way to give back.

"We thought this would be a really fun thing to do and we wanted to get involved in the community."

The restaurant is offering a tangy pineapple sorbet infused with strawberries rolled in a sweet sesame coconut crust for $5.

Other participating restaurants are Bridges, The Cannery, The Showcase Restaurant, Relish and The Revel Room.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Wayne Sych, executive chef with The Cannery restaurant, puts the finishing touches on his white chocolate and raspberry semifreddo at the Vancouver Marriot yesterday.

News in brief

NAMED RCMP released names of the five victims in Sunday's plane crash on Vancouver Island, news1130.com reports. Terry Axton, 51, was from Maple Ridge, Scott Thorne, 56, was from Vancouver and Grant Wood, 62, was from Chilliwack. Mark McClean, 48, was from Comox. Pilot Simon Lawrence, 36, also died in the crash.

NDP The NDP made changes to its shadow cabinet, cknw.com reports. Vancouver-Kensington MLA David Chudnovsky and Saanich-South MLA David Cubberly are not running for re-election in 2009. Jenny Kwan is now the homelessness and mental health critic, and Norm MacDonald is now education critic. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Hot weather and driving equal bad air

Vancouverites were asked to cut down on driving yesterday after the Ministry of Environment issued an air quality advisory because of the hot weather. Rising temperatures caused high concentrations of ground-level ozone. METRO VANCOUVER

Tibet protest hardens

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A 21-year-old protester from Portland was arrested in Vancouver yesterday morning after he cemented his arm into a life-sized model army tank, blocking entrance to the Chinese consulate on Granville Street.

The plywood tank, erected by members of Students For a Free Tibet (SFT), was decorated with the 2008 Olympic slogan: One world One Dream.

Tashi Chogyai, who was dressed as a Tibetan monk, inserted his hand into a pipe of wet cement. The pipe in turn was inserted into a garbage can that was fixed to the tank and filled with hundreds of pounds of fresh cement, said RCMP Sgt. Tim Shields.

Hayfa Abichahine, president of the Vancouver chapter of SFT Canada, said the demonstration aims to "refocus the Olympic spotlight. The situation in Tibet right now is dire."

Shields said plain-clothes RCMP removed the protester from the cement and arrested him for trespassing on private property.

Abichahine said pro-Tibetan protests will continue throughout the Olympic Games.

Following the demonstration, RCMP barred reporters from the consulate for comment, refusing even to allow use of the intercom, two-metres from the sidewalk.

A protester, left, dressed as a Tibetan monk, lies in front of a mock tank in a demonstration outside the Chinese consulate in Vancouver yesterday.

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Capital demonstration

- In Ottawa, Tibetan demonstrators chained themselves to the gate of the Chinese Embassy.

Washington foot not a B.C. match: RCMP

The sneaker containing a human foot found in Washington State doesn't match any of the shoes found on B.C. beaches, RCMP said yesterday.

The black, size-11 shoe doesn't fit the description of those found on the five feet that have washed up on the province's coastline, but RCMP will continue working with U.S. investigators to compare missing people lists.

The Washington shoe, which contains a human right foot, was found Friday on a beach on the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

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Roll with it **Cheese and charity**

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

CTV News anchor Coleen Christie rolls a cheese wheel through an obstacle course outside the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday. Marketplace IGA and B.C. Cheesemakers made a $10,000 donation to B.C.-based charity Acts of Kindness following the event.

letters

Breastfeed away from public eyes

Re: "Advocates to hold 'nurse-in'." I know the mother is proud of her baby and breastfeeding is a very natural thing.

I am a woman and cannot agree with exposing breasts in public, where people, especially teenagers and men are passing by.

Stores have changing rooms and washrooms easily accessible to public. It is all about manners.

ERIN LIĖKOVA, VIA E-MAIL

News in brief

HOMELESS Park Board Commissioner Spencer Herbert said he wants Vancouver to consider creating a tent city for the homeless to improve safety for them, news1130.com reports.

TAKE TIME The B.C. Cancer Agency is providing, until tomorrow, a mobile screening program near Pacific Centre Mall, news1130.com reports. For appointments call the B.C. Cancer Agency.

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Military funding doesn't add up

The Conservative government's pledge for a stable funding program for the Canadian military will actually result in less money for the cash-strapped Forces because of inflation, a Senate committee report released yesterday said. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

More charges for teacher

Prosecutors in Virginia unsealed another 17-count indictment against a Montreal private-school teacher yesterday, bringing to 27 the number of charges against him in a child-sex sting set up by police in Fredericksburg, Va. Richard Doucet, 36, a teacher at Westmount's prestigious Selwyn House, was arrested in early May, after he was arrested by an undercover officer who had been posing online as a 13-year-old boy. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Bags of petitions stream in

Human rights groups continue to protest Beijing Games

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

On the eve of the Beijing Olympics, Ottawa demonstrators made a last effort yesterday to improve the human rights situation in China before the games begin.

A handful of protesters calling for a free Tibet chained themselves to the gate of Ottawa's Chinese embassy on St. Patrick Street, while Amnesty International officials tried to deliver petition cards signed by Canadians demanding that China keep its pre-Olympic promise to address human rights complaints.

ETIENNE RANGER/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Lindsay Mossman, a campaigner for Human Rights Asia and Amnesty International, attempts to deliver bags full of petitions signed by thousands of Canadians to the Chinese Embassy on St Patrick Street in Ottawa yesterday.

The Chinese government promised to improve human rights if they won the 2008 Olympics and Amnesty is holding them to it, said David Kelleher, president of Amnesty International Canada.

The campaign was to protest the lack of fair trials, media censorship, repression of activists and to stop executions, which numbered 6,000 in China last year.

Amnesty spokeswoman Lindsay Mossman said 65,000 people across Canada have sent postcards or e-mails and signed petitions over the last year, indicating their support for Amnesty's cause.

Kelleher had requested to meet with the Chinese ambassador about 10 days ago.

He never heard back, despite a follow-up call days later.

The protest ended without any arrests.

Four die in helicopter crash

PRINCE RUPERT Four people died when a helicopter crashed into the Kitsault River northeast of Prince Rupert yesterday morning.

This brings the aircraft-crash related death toll in B.C. to nine in less than one week after a small plane went down on Vancouver Island Sunday.

RCMP said the chopper, owned by Prism Helicopters out of Pitt Meadows, plunged into the isolated watershed of Alice Arm around 7 a.m. A Coast Guard helicopter ferried Mounties and a coroner to the site yesterday, which is accessible only by air and water. A Prism spokesperson said the flight was booked for a mining exploration firm and company president David Zall said he was saddened by the tragedy. **METRO VANCOUVER**

News in brief

FIGHTING PIRATES Canada is deploying the frigate HMCS Ville de Quebec to the coastal region of Somalia for the next few weeks to fight pirates attacking UN World Food Program ships carrying life-saving supplies to the area, Defence Minister Peter MacKay announced yesterday. NATO allies had asked for help in the drought-hit African country.

SCHREIBER A Canadian court dismissed a request Wednesday from German-Canadian arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber for a judicial review of a decision relating to a 2004 extradition order. Schreiber has been fighting extradition to Germany for years, and has filed numerous applications to appeal Ottawa's decision. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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New Yorkers favour a millionaire's tax: Poll

New York State voters support increasing the income tax on millionaires by a margin of 78 per cent to 18 per cent, according to a poll released yesterday. A majority of Republicans also backed a higher tax on millionaires by a margin of 56 per cent to 36 per cent, according to the survey by Quinnipiac University. REUTERS

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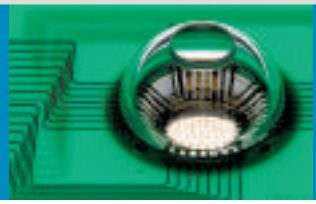

Eye spy a new camera

Borrowing one of nature's best designs, U.S. scientists have built an eye-shaped camera using standard sensor materials and say it could improve the performance of digital cameras and enhance imaging of the human body. The device might even lead to the development of prosthetic devices including a bionic eye, they said. REUTERS

Anthrax suspect dead, U.S. says

Army researcher killed himself last week

An Army scientist who committed suicide last week was solely responsible for the 2001 U.S. anthrax attacks that killed five and shook a nation reeling from the Sept. 11 hijackings, authorities said yesterday.

Federal court documents outlined the government's case against U.S. Army researcher Bruce Ivins, casting him as an anthrax expert beset by paranoia who faced pressure over a stalled anthrax vaccine project.

Ivins killed himself before he could be charged with committing the letter-borne attacks.

Ivins's attorneys maintained his innocence, but prosecutors said the case will be closed.

"We believed that, based on the evidence we had collected, we could prove his guilt to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt," Jeffrey Taylor, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, told a news conference at the Justice Department.

Critics said the case was built on circumstantial evidence and cited missteps in the nearly 7-year probe, including the initial focus on another Army scientist, Steven Hatfill, at the same biodefence research laboratory in Fort Detrick, Maryland. Hatfill never was charged and the government agreed to pay him a nearly $6-million settlement. REUTERS

The case against Ivins

Ivins

- A U.S. Army scientist, just a few days before the 2001 anthrax attacks, sent an e-mail warning that Osama "bin Laden terrorists" had anthrax and sarin gas and included language similar to that in the anthrax letters, according to court documents unsealed yesterday. The court documents also said the scientist, Bruce Ivins, had a large flask of highly purified anthrax spores that were found to be identical to the anthrax used in the attacks.

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Paris Hilton is seen in this undated publicity image from a video in response to Republican candidate John McCain's television advertisement.

Hilton 'totally ready' to lead

POLITICS Socialite Paris Hilton has jumped into the U.S. election campaign, calling Republican candidate John McCain a "wrinkly white-haired guy" and offering her own energy policy.

Hilton, dressed in a leopard print swim suit and gold pumps, jokingly declared her own candidacy in a video on the website Funny or Die, saying: "I want America to know that I'm, like, totally ready to lead."

She was responding to a television ad by McCain, 71, that used her image to attack Democratic rival Barack Obama.

The 27-year-old socialite said McCain's use of her in the ad, which sought to undermine Obama by likening his popularity to her celebrity, had effectively put her in the race for the top U.S. office.

She also unveiled an energy plan saying, "we can do limited offshore drilling with strict environmental oversight while creating tax incentives to get Detroit making hybrid and electric cars." REUTERS

Mauritania coup condemned

POLITICS The United States condemned a coup in Mauritania yesterday and urged the military to release the president and prime minister and restore the democratically elected government.

"We call on the military to release President Sidi Mohamed Ould Cheikh Abdallahi and Prime Minister Yahya Ould Ahmed Waghef and to restore the legitimate, constitutional, democratically elected government immediately," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in a statement.

Abdallahi, Mauritania's first democratically elected president, was overthrown and arrested along with his prime minister on Wednesday by the head of his presidential guard, Mohamed Ould Abdelaziz.

"We oppose any attempts by military elements to change governments through extra-constitutional means," Rice said. REUTERS

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News in brief

NUCLEAR The House Foreign Affairs Committee has urged the Bush administration to shelve a nuclear trade deal with India unless it can guarantee compliance with a U.S. law that would suspend trade if India tested a nuclear weapon again.

EGYPT Scientists are testing stillborn children found in the Pharoah Tutankhamun's tomb in the hope of identifying their maternal lineage, Egypt's chief archaeologist said yesterday.

BIRDFLU Thirteen people from a village in Indonesia's North Sumatra province have been hospitalized after suffering symptoms of bird flu, a media report said yesterday.

MEXICO Gunmen killed Vidal Barraza, a senior police homicide investigator, in Ciudad Juarez on the U.S.-Mexico border, the fourth policeman killed in the city this week, an attorney general's office said yesterday. REUTERS

India **Honouring the snake god**

REUTERS/RAJ PATIDAR

Women offer prayers to a cobra snake on the occasion of the Hindu festival of Naag Panchami in the central Indian city of Bhopal yesterday. Naag Panchami is a unique festival dedicated to honour the snake god.

Israel releases senior Hamas officials

NEGOTIATIONS Israel freed two senior Hamas officials detained in the occupied West Bank during a security sweep after the Islamist faction abducted an Israeli soldier two years ago, their families said yesterday.

The families said Abli Yaish, the Hamas mayor of Nablus, and Issa al-Ja'abari, a Hamas representative in Hebron, returned home after being freed from the Israeli detention centre Ofer.

The families said they posted bails of 25,000 shekels ($7,020) and 7,000 shekels respectively.

Israeli officials had no immediate comment.

Hamas has demanded Israel free all its jailed politicians and hundreds of other prisoners in exchange for Shalit. REUTERS

Karadzic says he was granted immunity

THE HAGUE Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic demanded yesterday that former U.S. peace mediator Richard Holbrooke and ex-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright appear at the U.N. war crimes tribunal to back his claims of an immunity offer from the United States.

In a filing released by the tribunal, Karadzic repeated his claims that in 1996 Holbrooke had offered him immunity from the tribunal if he disappeared from public life.

Karadzic argued that when Holbrooke realized he could not persuade the court's chief prosecutor to drop the indictment he decided to "liquidate" him instead. REUTERS

Murder

- Karadzic said several attempts had been made to kill him, and that he feared "the long arm of Mr. Holbrooke or Mrs. Albright" could reach him even in jail.

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Ford gets an edge with blind spot mirror

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Bell bags subscribers

But parent company BCE's quarterly earnings tumble

BCE Inc.'s second quarter results have given analysts comfort that the company's $52 billion privatization will be completed as planned, but continued losses in the telephone business highlight the challenges facing the new owners as they attempt to right the slumping giant.

The Bell Canada Inc. parent said yesterday that earnings for the period fell to $392 million from a year-earlier $700 million.

Observers noted that Bell beat expectations in the key wireless sector even as rival Rogers Communications stole headlines by capturing a deal to sell Apple Inc.'s popular iPhone device in Canada.

Bell said net subscribers additions grew by 32 per cent to 83,000 over the three-month period while wireless network and equipment revenue grew by 9 per cent and 36 per cent as customers upgraded to smartphone devices.

But BCE faces significant competitive threats on all fronts. The company continues to bleed traditional landline subscribers to new providers of local phone and Internet services such as Rogers. Overall operating revenue for BCE remained flat at $4.4 billion. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bleeding clients

- Bell lost 125,000 landline subscribers last quarter.
- It also lost 7,000 business customers and 1,000 Internet subscribers.

In brief

STRATEGY Barrick Gold has agreed to buy $87.5 million in oil and gas assets from Daylight Resources Trust as part of its strategy to offset energy costs at its mining operations.

PLEA Ex-hedge fund manager Samuel Israel, who faked his death to avoid going to prison, agreed to plead guilty to jumping bail, but a judge refused to accept it over concerns that Israel's methadone treatment could be clouding his judgment. REUTERS

CN Rail's plan hits new snag

DEAL Canadian National Railway's plan to buy the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad hit new snag yesterday, when it failed to win more time to close the deal that has generated controversy in the key U.S. rail hub of Chicago. CN wants to buy the 317-km EJ&E line for $300 million US to reroute freight trains around Chicago where they now face lengthy delays. REUTERS

Billionaire Icahn joins Yahoo board

DIRECTOR Yahoo Inc's board confirmed billionaire investor Carl Icahn as a director, while board member Robert Kotick tendered his resignation as part of a previously announced deal that averted a proxy battle. Analysts expect Icahn to pressure the board to consider strategic options for the company, including a potential transaction with Microsoft Corp. REUTERS

Microsoft aiming for $20B buyback?

TECHNOLOGY Microsoft Corp plans to buy back as much as $20 billion US of its stock to boost its flagging share price, Bloomberg News quoted a top-rated software analyst as saying.

UBS analyst Heather Bellini, ranked the best software analyst by Institutional Investor magazine last year, expects Microsoft to complete the repurchase over the next three months. REUTERS

Say cheese Saputo's profit jumps

CHRISTINNE MUSCHI/REUTERS

Lino Saputo, chairman of the board of Saputo Inc., jokes with his son Lino Saputo Jr., president and chief executive officer, before their annual general meeting in Montreal yesterday. Canada's biggest cheese maker reported a 21 per cent jump in first-quarter profit as higher revenue and prices more than offset the impact of a stronger Canadian dollar.

Time Warner plans to split AOL

DIAL-UP Time Warner Inc. said it would split AOL's dial-up Internet and advertising businesses into separate divisions, a move that could make a sale or merger of either business easier.

The split underscores its focus on creating content rather than distributing it. The company also plans to shed its cable services division by the end of the year, REUTERS

Polo Ralph Lauren posts high profit

FASHION Polo Ralph Lauren Corp., whose brands also include Chaps and Club Monaco, said net income rose 8 per cent to $95.2 million in the last quarter. Polo's high-end customers are usually less wounded by a weak economy. REUTERS

Magna's profit drops as sales slip

AUTO PARTS Magna International reported a 13 per cent drop in quarterly earnings to $227 million yesterday as sales slipped. It said increases in its European and "rest-of-world" production sales were offset by reductions in North America. REUTERS

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Marcum gets his groove back
Shaun Marcum had a no-hitter through five innings and Rod Barajas hit a three-run home run, as the Toronto Blue Jays topped the struggling Oakland Athletics, 5-1, in the third contest of a four- game set. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Esks' Ray wins weekly honours

Edmonton quarterback Ricky Ray, left, was named CFL Offensive Player of the Week yesterday. He was joined in Week 6 honours by Toronto Argonauts' defensive end Jonathan Brown and return specialist Dominique Dorsey. Ray completed 23 of 30 passes for a league-best 392 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Eskimos to a 35-24 win over the British Columbia Lions at Commonwealth Stadium. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Dana White, the brains behind the incredibly successful Ultimate Fighting Championship, is impressed at how many Canadians have embraced mixed martial arts.

St. Pierre faces 'bad dude'

UFC boss White impressed with MMA growth in Canada

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As president of the UFC, Dana White didn't feel particularly threatened from a business standpoint last month when Affliction staged a Pay-Per-View show featuring highly touted Russian fighter Fedor Emelianenko head-to-head with a UFC event.

"Those guys sell t-shirts for a living," referring to Affliction. "Do you know how many f**king T-shirts you'd have to sell to get $4 million back," a reference to the price they paid to bring Emelianenko to North America.

In a one-on-one interview with Metro, White also discussed UFC 87 this weekend, which features Canadian Georges St. Pierre defending his welterweight title against Jon Fitch. White admits St. Pierre is in tough against Fitch — who has won his last eight fights — but he gives the Canadian his due.

"I don't think people realize the fight he's in this weekend," White said of St. Pierre. "Jon Fitch is a bad dude, but if George can walk through him like he has everybody else, it'll be impressive."

It will be St. Pierre's first bout since defeating Matt Serra at UFC 83 in Montreal in April, and he isn't taking the fight lightly either.

"He's a very, very tough guy," said St. Pierre of Fitch. "He may be my toughest fight yet."

"I never, in a million years thought Canada would as big as it has been for us."
Dana White, UFC President

Other bouts on the card Saturday in Minneapolis include Kenny Florian vs. Roger Huerta, which White suggests "may be the fight of the year," and football player-turned-wrestler turned MMAer Brock Lesnar returning to the Octagon against Heath Herring.

White also heaped praise on Canadian UFC and Mixed Martial Arts fans in general.

"When we bought this company, it was a no-brainer to me that the U.S., Mexico and the U.K. would all be big fight fans, he said. "I never, in a million years thought Canada would as big as it has been for us."

On the topic of bringing another UFC event back to Canada, White knows there are still legal hurdles in provinces such as Ontario.

"We're working on that," he said. Having seen several U.S. states come around and sanction UFC events under his watch, he's confident the rest of Canada will eventually follow suit. "We're going to keep pushing, and we're going to open up every province here in Canada. We're looking at it like we looked at the United States."

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Yankees place Chamberlain on disabled list

The New York Yankees placed star pitcher Joba Chamberlain on the 15-day disabled list with a stiff right shoulder yesterday. The 22-year-old was removed from his last start on Monday against the Texas Rangers in the fifth inning with stiffness in the shoulder. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Kerfoot deserves praise for role in women's soccer

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Whitecaps' owner Greg Kerfoot deserves a lot of credit for the impressive start, and hopefully strong tournament, for the Canadian Women's Olympic soccer squad. Though Kerfoot consistently shies away from the spotlight, he never shies away from opening his wallet for the good of the beautiful game.

For the past two years, Kerfoot has been underwriting a residency program that allows the national team members to live together and play together here on the West Coast in hopes of building a team that can challenge any country on any pitch in the world. Like many Olympic sports, women's soccer is grossly underfunded, but Kerfoot has made the dream of focusing on soccer a palatable reality for these young women.

Then there's all of the money that Kerfoot has invested in the women's Whitecaps, the team many of the Olympic squad have played for at some point. Qualifying for the Olympics for the first time in 24 years was a major accomplishment for our women's side.

Thanks to Kerfoot, these girls aren't just happy to be there, they've actually got a shot at doing something special on the world stage.

• Saturday marks the 20th anniversary of the trade that sent Wayne Gretzky to Los Angeles, and significantly altered the future of the NHL. Gretzky's presence in Hollywood created unprecedented attention for hockey south of the border seen as one of the main reasons the league expanded into the southern United States. All of a sudden, celebrities were attending Kings' games and it became cool to check out the coolest game on ice.

This phenomenon coupled with a strong American dollar gave birth to the thinking, "If the NHL can work in L.A., why not in … ?" (insert your choice of San Jose, Tampa Bay, Florida, Anaheim, Phoenix, Carolina, Nashville). Ten years ago most would have argued the deal was a winner for the NHL; it generated massive exposure for the product, got numerous kids off of beaches and into hockey rinks, and lured powerbrokers like Disney and Blockbuster into the game.

But in 2008 there is a strong counterargument to be made.

Gary Bettman has overseen the majority of the expansion and continues to cater to many of the teams that Gretzky's popularity helped usher in. Though league revenues have increased significantly under Bettman's watch, many of the aforementioned markets have struggled and ironically, are being propped up by strong franchises north of the 49th.

The bottom line is this: Is the NHL a stronger league today than it was 20 years ago? It depends who you ask, but either way, the Gretzky deal has a lot to do with the answer.

• Want to weigh in? E-mail me at scottrin toul@metronews.ca

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Favre on a Jet out of Green Bay

NFL The Green Bay Packers reached an agreement to trade quarterback Brett Favre to the New York Jets late last night. Terms of the deal were not available at press time.

Brett Favre

Packers president/CEO Mark Murphy said in a statement on the Packers' website that "Brett has had a long and storied career in Green Bay, and the Packers owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude for everything he accomplished on the field and for the impact he made in the state. It is with some sadness that we make this announcement, but also with the desire for certainty that will allow us to move the team and organization forward in the most positive way possible.

Favre leaves Green Bay as the NFL's all-time leader in most major passing categories — touchdowns (442), yards (61,655), completions (5,377) and attempts (8,758) — and his 253-game starting streak intact. By playing 16 seasons in a Packers uniform (1992–2007), he matches Bart Starr (1956–71) for the longest tenure in team history among his 30 team records. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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NATIONAL LEAGUE
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Soccer
The Canadian women's soccer team beat Argentina 2-1 yesterday in the first competitive event of the Games. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Beijing Games

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Track stars racing to the top

'We're going to do whatever it takes,' teammates say

MARTY YORK
Metro Canada

Canada's track and field team has been shut out from Olympic medals since the glory days of Donovan Bailey back in 1996, but the drought could end this month.

Both Tyler Christopher and Gary Reed are generally perceived to be fast enough to possibly make it to the podium in Beijing.

Christopher, of Chilliwack, B.C., holds the Canadian record for the 400 metres. Reed, of Victoria, B.C., won the silver medal for the 800 metres at the world championship in Japan last year.

"We don't take s–t from anybody, and we're climbing our way to the top," Christopher said.

"It doesn't matter how hard it is. We have a goal that's set in front of us and we're going to do whatever it takes to achieve these goals."

Reed suffered a setback on July 26, when he fell during a race in England and failed to finish. Only a week earlier, the 26-year-old speedster had won the 800-metre race at a meet in Belgium, recording his fastest time of the season — 1:44.46.

In Athens four years ago, Reed ran out of gas in the semi-finals, saying he was mentally exhausted. He's eager to prove he can overcome adversity in Beijing.

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Gary Reed, left, and Tyler Christopher are both aiming to medal in Beijing this month.

"Trust me, nobody in the media wants to win a medal more than I do, I can guarantee that," Reed said recently. "I'm the one who gets up in the morning and goes and trains. I want it bad."

Christopher and Reed developed a bond after they discovered they both grew up in difficult circumstances, raised by single mothers in near poverty.

"We've made it this far, against the odds," Christopher said.

"We know we can go further now."

Christopher, 24, is counting on the advice and experience of his buddy Reed to help him flourish in Beijing.

"Gary won't let himself get mentally exhausted this time," Christopher said, "and he promised he won't let me get that way, either."

Two Canadians added to singles

TENNIS Two Canadians were added to the singles draw in Olympic tennis event yesterday.

23-year-old Frank Dancevic from Niagara Falls, and New Brunswick's Frederic Niemeyer, who is also competing in doubles with Toronto's Daniel Nestor, were named to replace players that had withdrawn from the Olympics.

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Tomorrow's lineup

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A new appreciation for urban-China interiors

UrbanDweller

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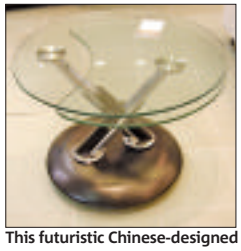
A cousin in the real-estate business recently returned from a junket to Beijing and a bunch of other massive cities too new to remember. He slide-showed his pics of great, hulking, overly ornate residential complexes that would fit right in on the Vegas strip.

I watched, slack-jawed, as each image faded in and out on his laptop screen. It was like watching the sequel to Manufactured Landscapes.

"You have to go," he said, post-show. I don't think so, I thought. Despite all the Summer Olympics fervour, I wouldn't want to be anywhere near that gargantuan scale.

However, I did take a special interest in the photos of the staged interiors of some of those residential complexes. There were none of the clean lines or restful colour schemes that homesellers and stagers try to achieve here. No groupings of river rocks, or bamboo or scrubbed wood.



CARLYN YANDLE PHOTOS

This futuristic Chinese-designed coffee table is a mix of chrome, glass and fun, swivelling to expand (before, left, after, right) to two tiers as needed. Available at Vivo Interiors in Tinseltown.

The Chinese living rooms I saw might as well have been designed by Liberace: Great gold-finish chandeliers dripping above tufted brocade sectionals under heavy velvet window swags and on deeply carved jewel-toned area carpets.

Every surface was clad in a clash of finishes from speckled granite to patterned mirror to a dizzying assortment of wood grain. The walls were galleries of gilded-framed odd/mod artworks.

I planned to include one of these images in this column, but I kept asking myself: To what end? To ridicule a cultural style I don't share? So I shelved the concept. Shortly after, I found myself working with a developer who has one foot in both cultures. The project was to create an interior that would appeal to high-end home-hunters on the Pacific Rim.

Since we joined forces, I've expanded my esthetics. I've learned to love chrome, glass and novel design, and have discovered a different set of goals. Instead of creating lovely retreat spaces, I'm now excited about setting the scene for surprise.

I think back to those new urban Chinese interiors, and I see the show-offy whimsy of them, their ability to both evoke and mock tradition. There was something very familiar about all the fun, the affluence, the fun with affluence.

Then it occurred to me: This is their '60s.

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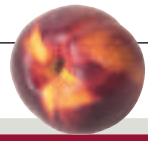
All in the family
The nectarine is a relative of the peach and may be used interchangeably in recipes. Nectarines are not quite as juicy as peaches, the flesh is a little firmer and the skin is smoother. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Food

"To pick a perfect peach, look for a creamy gold or yellow skin and a pleasant aroma. A rosy-red blush is indicative of certain varieties, not ripeness."
Barb Holland/for Metro Canada

For full flavour

Avoid peaches, nectarines or apricots with even a touch of green which indicates they were picked too soon and will never ripen to their characteristic sweet flavour.

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À la carte

Barb Holland
Metro Food Writer

Summer peach pleasure

Juicy, ripe peaches are one of the pleasures of summer. Sweet and flavourful, peaches (nectarines and apricots too) are tender fruit that are at their best when picked ripe and plump. This is also when they are most fragile. The best place to eat these fruits is in the orchard, having just plucked a sun-ripened fruit from the tree. As these sweet delicacies do not stand up to shipping, they are often harvested underripe. The sugars stop developing as soon as the fruit is picked, so try to buy as close to the source as possible. Ripening firm fruit at home will make them softer and juicier, but not sweeter. Ontario is the largest producer of peaches (about 85 per cent) and nectarines (about 95 per cent), with the remaining grown in British Columbia's Okanogan Valley. The Okanogan is noted for its apricot crop.

Warm Peach and Blueberry Tarts with Custard

These open-faced tarts are best served warm. If using puff pastry sheets, just thaw and cut each into 6 equal size squares. Makes 12 tarts.

INGREDIENTS:
Custard:
• 2 tbsp (30 mL) granulated sugar
• 1 tbsp (15 mL) cornstarch
• 2/3 cup (150 mL) milk
• 1 egg
• 1/2 tsp (2 mL) vanilla
Filling:
• 4 ripe but firm freestone peaches
• 1/2 cup (125 mL) fresh blueberries
• 1 tbsp (15 mL) fresh lemon juice
• 2 tbsp (30 mL) granulated sugar
Pastry:
• 397 g pkg frozen puff pastry, thawed
• Freshly ground nutmeg

METHOD:

Custard: Combine sugar and cornstarch in a 2-cup (500 mL) glass measure. Gradually whisk in milk until smooth. Microwave at high 1-1/2 to 2 minutes, until mixture comes to a boil and thickens. Stir at least once during cooking. In small bowl, lightly beat egg. Stir some of hot mixture into egg then whisk warmed egg into sauce. Microwave at medium 20 to 40 seconds or until thickened. Whisk partway through. Whisk in vanilla, set aside.

Preheat oven to 400F (200C). Peel peaches, by dipping in boiling water for 30 seconds; remove with a slotted spoon into cold water for another 30 seconds. Remove, slip off skin and thinly slice peaches. Toss gently with blueberries, lemon juice and sugar in bowl.

Peaches, nectarines and apricots are all good sources of potassium, Vitamins A and C, are fat free and low in calories. Be sure to eat the skin for added fibre.

Roll out half the pastry on a lightly floured surface to a 12 x 8 inch (30 x 20 cm) rectangle. Cut pastry into six 4-inch (10 cm) squares. Place on parchment paper lined shallow rimmed baking sheet, spacing apart. Repeat with remaining puff pastry, using 2 baking sheets.

Spoon fruit mixture in centre of pastry squares. Top each with about 2 tsp (10 mL) custard and a pinch of nutmeg. Bake 20 minutes or until pastry is puffed and golden. Rotate baking sheets partway through cooking. Cool baking sheets on wire racks 5 minutes then gently loosen tarts to cooling racks. Serve warm or at room temperature with additional custard thinned with a little milk and warmed in the microwave, as needed.

Tips:
• Handle fruit gently, as they bruise easily. Sort fruit and use the softest fruit first. Bruised fruit spoils quickly and may cause other fruit to deteriorate. Wash fruit before eating, not before storing.
• Storage: Store at room temperature, out of direct sunlight. To encourage ripening, store peaches in a loosely closed paper bag. Once ripe, they'll keep in the refrigerator for a few days but remove before serving for the best flavour. Fruit is ready when it yields to gentle pressure.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Marty's world-famous café creations

Have you tasted the best buttertart in the world? Well, unless you have been to Marty's World Famous Café in Muskoka, Ont., you haven't tasted anything that comes even close — the Lonely Planet series of guidebooks says so. Now in Marty's World Famous Cookbook, Marty Curtis is finally giving away the secret recipe for this delectable tart and a wide array of recipes for other amazing fare you can also find at his legendary café. Whitecap Books gave Metro this recipe for these fruity, moist muffins:

Lemon, Blueberry, and Cream Cheese Muffins

There's often a lineup for these one-of-a-kind muffins. They're easy to make, too. You can substitute blueberries for equal amounts of raspberries, strawberries, or blackberries for an entirely new muffin experience.

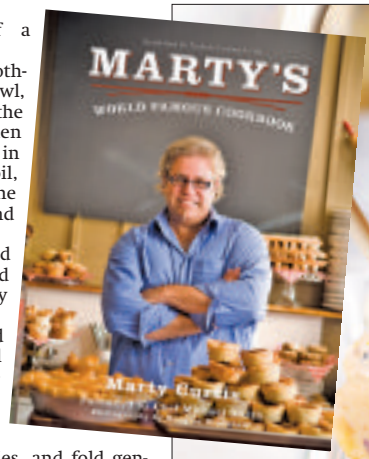
INGREDIENTS:
• 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
• 1 1/3 cups granulated sugar
• 3 tsp baking powder
• one 250 g package low-fat cream cheese
• 2 eggs
• 2/3 cups vegetable oil
• 1 cup 2% milk
• 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
• 1–2 Tbsp lemon rind
• 1 cup frozen blueberries
Glaze:
• 1 Tbsp lemon rind
• 1/4 cup lemon juice
• 1 1/2 cups icing sugar

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 365°F. Grease a 6-large-cup muffin pan or Marty's Buttertart Pan with oil.

For the muffins, in a bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, and baking powder.

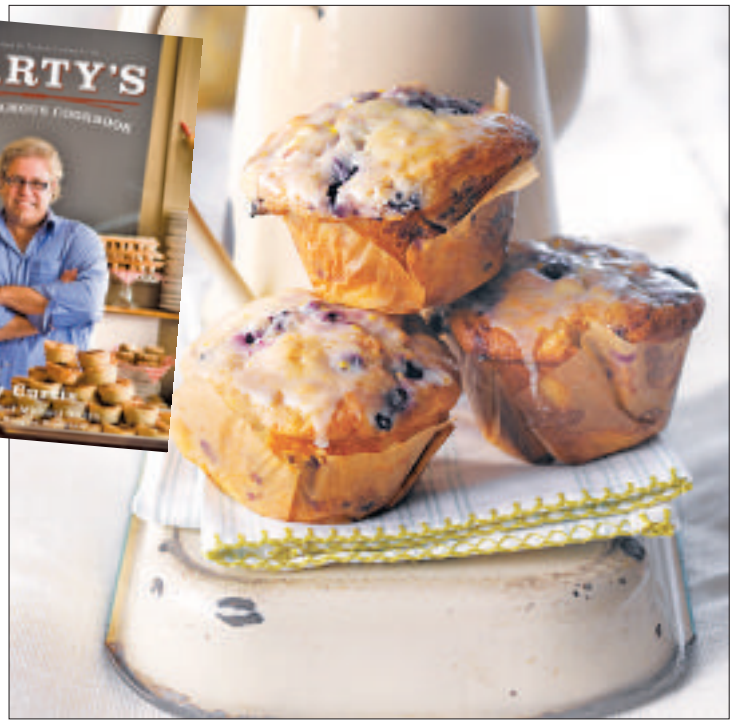
Warm a knife in hot water, cut the cream cheese into julienne strips, and then cross-cut into pea-size bits. Warm the knife regularly for smooth cuts. Add cream cheese to the dry ingredients. Break up the bits by stirring with the head of a whisk.



In another bowl, whisk the eggs, then whisk in the oil, then the milk and lemon rind and juice. Add to the dry ingredients and fold until just combined. Add the blueberries, and fold gently.

Fill the prepared pans with batter to jut under the top line. Bake for 30–35 minutes.

Cool in the pan for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, make the glaze by combining the lemon rind and juice with the icing sugar. Add a touch of hot water if the glaze needs to be thinner. Brush over the muffins.



There's often a lineup in Marty's World Famous Café for these one-of-a-kind muffins.

Beatles tape auctioned

A recently unearthed reel-to-reel tape of what is believed to be a Beatles recording session from 1964 was auctioned online earlier this week for $23,446 US, according to Cameo Auctioneers in the Berkshire village of Midgham. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Entertainment

CSI outsider

Actor Laurence Fishburne is close to signing a deal to join CBS' CSI. Fishburne will play a doctor/scientist who comes into the CSI as an outsider, and not as a new boss. TVGUIDE.COM

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Black's alter-ego revealed

Former Pixies frontman embarks on mini acoustic tour

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Pixies leader-gone-solo Black Francis has pulled out his acoustic guitar for a few low-profile gigs to fans in Western Canada.

Reached at a truck stop en route to Oakland, Francis (real name Charles Kitteridge Thompson IV) explained that after transitioning back to his pioneering alt-rock persona, he felt the urge to strike out on his own.

"When you walk in on your own two legs, with just a guitar and no-one else, and walk out with a pocketful of cash, you can't retire to the Bahamas, but psychologically, you feel like 'Yeah!'" he said. "It's like you're 14-years-old and you've just finished mowing someone's lawn, and you make a few bucks."

The mini-tour comes a few weeks after Francis opened for the Stone Temple Pilots in arenas like the Hollywood Bowl. Despite the massive shift in venue scale, he doesn't experience much of a mental transition.

"I think playing a small acoustic set can be more nerve-wracking (than a stadium) since you're under the microscope," he said. "I don't think there's much of a headspace change … The things that bum you out are still the same, like the guy you catch yawning."

Francis also recently moved away from the increasingly rootsy, mellow Frank Black back to the id-powered alter-ego that fueled the Pixies. Now two albums into his more abrasive style (2007's Bluefinger and this year's "mini-LP" SVN FNGRS), Francis feels settled.

> **"I don't try to analyze it much — I do things more on intuition."**
> Musician Black Francis

"(The shift) is more of a continuum. It's a symbolic gesture to the universe or whoever, and one hopes that gesture is enough to cause change," he said. "I don't try to analyze it much — I do things more on intuition, without a lot of vision … I didn't feel like I could do it again [since I] hadn't been doing it in so long. It feels good."

For folks catching his acoustic sets, Francis will probably play songs written in both personas. He acknowledged his recent material is a little aggressive and band-oriented for an acoustic setting — though he might try it out.

And as if this wasn't enough, Francis has also wrapped up recording the Grand Duchy project with his wife. The album, which he describes as "classic melodic pop…(with) a kind of naive, rougher edge" is more her vision.

"We almost had one full-on physical fight in the beginning," said Francis, laughing. "There was a little period where we were pissing each other off, but we do a lot better now … You need that creative conflict … and there was plenty of that."

KRISTIAN DOWLING/GETTY IMAGES

Black Francis, formerly of the Pixies, is moving away from his rootsy, mellow Frank Black sound to a more id-powered, abrasive style. He was in Vancouver for a gig at the Media Club earlier this week.

New Day and Age for The Killers

MUSIC The Killers' next album will be called Day and Age, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Las Vegas rockers will release their long-awaited third album in November with the expected title reportedly coming from the lyrics of what is likely to be one of their next singles, Neon Tiger. Stuart Price is producing the album.

Dark Knight hits another milestone

MOVIES The Dark Knight has shattered yet another U.S. box office record after passing the $400 million US mark in just 18 days, imdb.com reports.

Shrek 2 previously held the record by taking $400 million in 43 days in 2004 — and now the Batman Begins sequel has hit the target in less than half the time. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

In brief

MUSIC Steven Tyler is set to release his autobiography after the bosses of book company HarperCollins won an auction to publish the memoirs, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer is expected to reveal all about his past heroin addiction and ongoing issues with substance abuse in the new book. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Randy Newman

Album: Harps and Angels
Label: Nonesuch/Warner
Release date: August 5
Rating: ●●●●

WE'RE DEALING with Randy Newman here, one of the best American songwriters of the last 50 years. So it goes without saying that this is a great record. It'll have you laughing out loud as he encounters a clerical error at the gates of heaven (Harps and Angels) or bidding adieu to the Great American Empire on A Few Words In Defense Of Our Country. We never had to be convinced that Randy is a very funny guy, though. Maybe, on his first studio album in nearly 10 years, we could have done with a few more tugs at the heartstrings (Feels Like Home, Losing You) and a little less of the gags.
Graham Rockingham

Oxford Collapse

Album: Bits
Label: Merge
Release date: August 5
Rating: ●●●●

WITH SO MANY indie rock orchestras, or frenetic handclap obsessed foursomes out there, it's refreshing to hear an act that can just slap on the distortion and rock out. And if anyone knows the art of keeping it simple, it's Oxford Collapse. The Brooklyn band's fourth disc is a fantastic pop record that'll make you nostalgic for '90s acts like The Hardship Post or The New Grand. While it's fast and basic — there are plenty of speedy drums and furious downstrokes — it's also incredibly contagious. **Bryan Borzykowski**

CDReviews

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Brazilian Girls

Album: New York City
Label: Verve/Universal
Release date: August 5
Rating: ●●●

ULTRA-HIP MUSIC to go with a Manhattan fashion ensemble of black-berets, skinny-jeans, over-roasted coffee and all things European. Multi-lingual vocalist Sabina Sciuba pours the cabaret accents on thick while drummer Aaron Johnston and keyboardist/programmer Didi Gutman provide dance rhythms for people too cool to lift their feet. This album works best when it doesn't take itself too seriously, like on the playful Losing Myself, which could easily have fit on a mid-80s record by the B-52s. Otherwise, vinyl skipping and subway clacking sometimes substitute for creativity. Brazilian Girls is not for the pharmaceutically challenged.
Graham Rockingham

Conor Oberst

Album: Self-titled
Label: Merge
Release date: August 5
Rating: ●●●

IT'S SURPRISING THAT after all these years making music under his Bright Eyes moniker that Conor Oberst would release an album under his own name. Everyone knows that Oberst is the brains behind his band, and he often plays alone. But this is somewhat of a fresh start — here he plays some of his most spare and intimate tunes of his career. It's also not the emo-indie rock we're used to; the tracks are full-out alt-country. While it's interesting, others are doing this better. Bright Eyes fans will like it, but Americana aficionados should hear a few tracks first.
Bryan Borzykowski

Castlemusic

Album: You Can't Take Anyone
Label: Blue Fog/Sonic Unyon
Release date: August 5
Rating: ●●●

IF YOU'RE LOOKING for a dreamy, minimalist pop fix then be sure to check out Toronto's Castlemusic. Essentially a solo project for Jennifer Castle, the musician's new disc is a soft, mostly guitar-based collection of attractive tunes. While it's all hauntingly spare, the best songs enlist fellow-Torontonian Ryan Driver on backup vocals, which adds a much-needed second layer to the bare bones tracks. Not every song works, but for the most part Castle's tunes are intriguing, contagious and a great next step in what could be a promising career. **Bryan Borzykowski**

Amy Ray

Album: Didn't It Feel Kinder
Label: Daemon/Koch
Release date: August 5
Rating: ●●

A SURE FIRE way to ruin an otherwise perfectly good love song is to throw in a chorus about melting ice caps and helpless polar bears. That's exactly what Amy Ray does on Bus Bus, the third track on her latest solo album. It's indicative of many of the songs on this album by the rockier half of the Indigo Girls folk-rock duo. Just when things seem to be getting hot, Amy shoots herself in the foot with irksome politics. Ray's songwriting comes through best on Cold Shoulder, a simple song about the challenges of same-sex physical attraction. **Graham Rockingham**

Olivia Newton-John And Friends

Album: A Celebration in Song
Label: EMI
Release date: July 29
Rating: ●●

COME ON! HOW can you review a CD when the royalties are being donated to a cancer charity? A Celebration in Song features the sweet-voiced Newton in 11 easy-listening duets, including Canucks Jann Arden, Amy Sky and Ryandan. The other track is Sunburned Country, a joyous rocker with Keith Urban. The theme of Celebration is uplifting, the arrangements slick, the message to cancer victims clear: "Don't give in. Don't give up." **Jim Reyno**

LaBeouf plans rehab stint
Actor Shia LaBeouf, right, will check into rehab to help his chances of beating a drunk driving conviction, according to reports. The star suffered hand injuries and was charged with driving under the influence after a car crash in Hollywood on July 27. IMDB.COM

Sex, love and fashion

Former Calvin Klein model reveals all in kiss-and-tell book

When male model Bruce Hulse included his sexual exploits with several top models in his memoir about life in the fashion world, he did not expect to be branded "the bad guy," but he admits his honesty was naive.

His book, Sex, Love and Fashion: A Memoir of a Male Model, describes his early days as a lifeguard, playing professional basketball in Sweden and goes on to tell how he was discovered, and the parties and exotic locations that followed.

But it's the kiss-and-tell stories about the former Calvin Klein model's sexual adventures with some of the world's most beautiful women that have caused a buzz in the modelling world and sparked criticism of Hulse.

"Bruce Hulse never learned that gentlemen don't kiss and tell," wrote the New York Post.

In the book, Hulse writes about the time with Andie MacDowell, the actress from Four Weddings and a Funeral where the light was too bright in a hotel room so he tossed his T-shirt over the lamp — and it caught fire.

Then there was the night when he ended up alone with Australian supermodel Elle "The Body" Macpherson when he was getting over a breakup with another model and had lost his sex drive.

"No worries Brucie ... let's just be friends then," he wrote Macpherson told him.

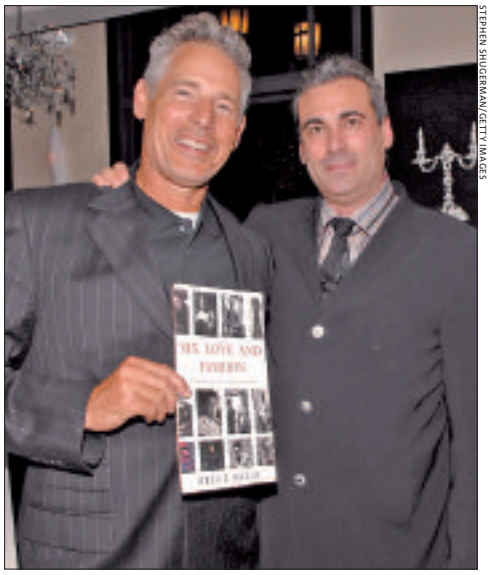
There is also the candlelight dinner in Paris with Paulina Porizkova, which ended in sex that was like a "professional wrestling match ... I'd never had such energetic, wild sex with anyone before."

Hulse, 56, who is now married with two young children, said he did not expect the steamy parts of his book to garner so much attention since it all happened years ago.

"All of a sudden I am the bad guy who is revealing bedroom secrets. I did not feel that was what I was doing. They were friends of mine with whom I had romances," he told Reuters.

"It was a bit naive, but that is what sells I guess."

Hulse said he was encouraged to be as open as possible as he wrote his memoir and none of his recollections are negative about his former colleagues. REUTERS



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Bruce Hulse, left, and agent Alan Nevins attend the Book Expo Celebrity Dinner earlier this year in Beverly Hills, Calif. Hulse's new book has caused a buzz in the modelling world.

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Should Walt Disney Co. be concerned about stars such as Miley Cyrus given that she is one of the biggest personalities on the Disney Channel?

Teenagers intent on blazing their own trail

Teenagers can be so cruel. Why, just the other day Miley was overheard mocking Selena for wearing an uncool T-shirt and Demi for that gap she used to have in her teeth.

If these were just average girls getting catty at the local mall, no one would care. But Walt Disney Co. likely is concerned given that the girls in question are some of the biggest stars on the Disney Channel. And there they were on YouTube, ridiculing each other for the world to see.

It's abundantly apparent (Miley Cyrus) is intent on destroying the Kewpie doll image Disney has spent millions cultivating.

Yes, that's Miley as in Miley Cyrus. When she's not dominating the pop charts or TV ratings, the 15-year-old multi-millionaire has her own self-programmed channel on YouTube with unfiltered footage of herself and her friend Mandy Jiroux cracking themselves up in ways only 13-year-old girls might find funny. While mostly harmless hijinks, MileyMandy's Channel recently became gossip fodder after she posted a video in which the duo mimicked two rival Disney stars, Selena Gomez and Demi Lovato, in less than flattering fashion.

But while Disney can't be expected to control every photograph either snapped by the press or hacked from Cyrus' personal e-mail account, how is it the actress is allowed to broadcast herself on the Internet free of Disney's interference, even to bash her fellow modern-day Mouseketeers?

From Vanity Fair to YouTube, it's abundantly apparent the actress is intent on destroying the Kewpie doll image Disney has spent millions cultivating, perhaps in fear that her childhood success will hamper her transition to more adult roles. She wants to upgrade from a training bra to a bustier ASAP, and she's not about to leave the fitting to Disney. REUTERS

Celebrity snooping probe grows at UCLA

INVESTIGATION California health watchdogs are to investigate more staff members at Los Angeles' UCLA Medical Center over their involvement in the snooping into celebrity health records, imdb.com reports.

More than 50 physicians and medical workers at the unit have already been probed over claims they improperly viewed celebrity medical records. One former administrative specialist, Lawanda Jackson, has been indicted for allegedly selling outpatient records to the media.

The medical records of stars including Tom Cruise, Farrah Fawcett, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Britney Spears are believed to be at the centre of the ongoing investigation, which was launched after an expose by the Los Angeles Times newspaper earlier this year.

But in a new state report, The California Department of Health investigators found that nearly twice as many medical centre employees than previously reported had looked at stars' confidential medical records. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Clooney pays seven figures for Iraq story

MOVIES George Clooney's production company, Smoke House, is set to make a movie about the Iraq war, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

George Clooney

Based on a book by Jonathan Mahler, The Challenge features the story of Salim Hamdan, Osama bin Laden's Yemeni driver, who is charged in the first U.S. war-crimes trial since World War II. Hamdan was convicted yesterday of supporting terrorism at Guantanamo Bay.

Clooney has reportedly paid a seven-figure sum for the account of the driver's journey, which follows him from a Yemen mosque to bin Laden's Afghanistan compound to being held in solitary confinement, and is hoping to play one of the lead roles. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Grammer out of hospital

Actor Kelsey Grammer has left a New York hospital after being admitted last week for feeling faint. His spokesman said he was "out of the hospital, feeling great and about to resume normal activities at home." BBC NEWS ONLINE

Morrissey delays album release

Morrissey has postponed the release of his new album from September until early 2009, according to the British singer's publicist.

No additional information was given about the date change for Years of Refusal, his debut release for Polydor Records.

The 12-track album was produced by Jerry Finn, who suffered a severe brain hemorrhage and remains hospitalized in Los Angeles. Finn produced Morrissey's 2004 album You are the Quarry.

Years of Refusal is the follow-up to 2006's Sanctuary Records release Ringleader of the Tormentors, which sold 98,000 copies in the United States. REUTERS

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Morrissey has postponed the release of his new album to next year, according to the British singer's publicist.

Taylor tackles covers

James Taylor will release a covers collection through Starbucks' Hear Music label on Sept. 30.

The album, appropriately titled Covers, will be available at both traditional retail outlets and Starbucks locations.

The 12-song set finds the singer/songwriter and his Band of Legends tackling songs written by the likes of Buddy Holly (Not Fade Away), Jimmy Webb (Wichita Lineman) and Leonard Cohen (Suzanne).

James Taylor

The album is Taylor's first studio release since 2002's Columbia release October Road and his second for Hear Music. He also released One Man Band, a live CD/DVD collection, last November. REUTERS

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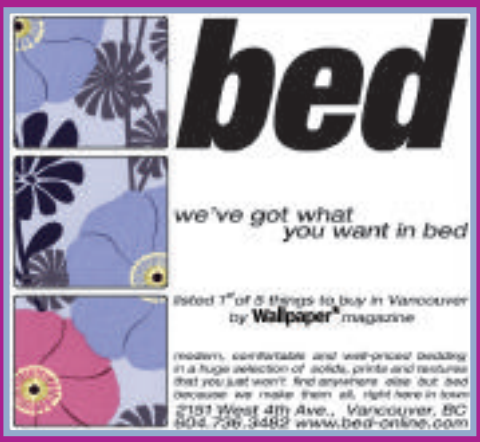

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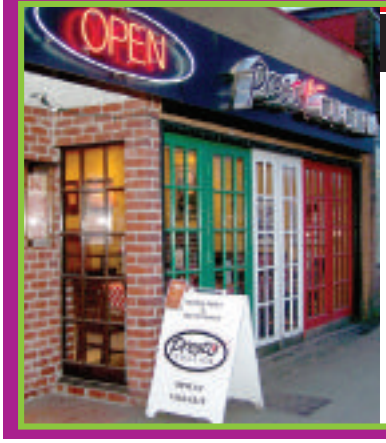

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Designer Karan accused of mimicking watch collection

Fashion designer Donna Karan, right, is facing legal action from luxury jeweller Cartier for copyright infringement. The jewelry company is accusing her of mimicking its celebrated Tank watch collection. IMDB.COM

Release shocks director

Stephen Frears says The Deal DVD was meant for British TV

Oscar-nominated director Stephen Frears is astonished a 2003 film he made about British politics — promoted as the prequel to his hit movie The Queen — is now being released in the United States on DVD.

"It was made for TV in Britain because it never crossed my mind that anybody else in the world would be interested in British domestic politics," Frears told Reuters yesterday.

Before 2006's The Queen came The Deal, a movie about a pact between former prime minister Tony Blair and successor Gordon Brown on leadership of Britain's Labour Party, which won a British BAFTA TV award for best drama in 2004.

Brown had agreed to not stand against Blair for leader of the party in a deal struck in 1994, on the proviso that Blair would eventually step aside. Blair then became prime minister in 1997 when Labour won power.

STUART WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

Director Stephen Frears didn't expect The Deal, a film about British politics, to be released on DVD.

But Brown's impatience to take over eventually soured their relationship. After winning three elections, Blair stepped aside in June 2007 for Brown, whose poll ratings now make him the second most unpopular leader in modern British history.

"People used to say, 'Make it as a film,' and I said, 'No, no, no,'" Frears said. "But I said the same about The Queen, so what do I know?"

Frears was nominated for a best director Oscar for The Queen, while Helen Mirren won the best actress award for her role as Queen Elizabeth II. The movie, made in the same style as The Deal using pieces of real news footage, earned more than $122 million worldwide, according to Box Office Mojo.

While Frears, now directing the romantic comedy Cheri set in France and starring Michelle Pfeiffer, said he is unsure whether Blair watched The Deal, the former leader certainly watched The Queen.

"He made this wonderful remark on television. They said to him, 'Were you very nervous, very ingenuous when you first went to meet the Queen?' and he said, 'I don't know, look at the film. They got it right.' So I was very, very flattered," Frears said.

REUTERS

Famed author laid to rest in Moscow

Russia buried Soviet-era dissident and author Alexander Solzhenitsyn at a 16th-century monastery in Moscow yesterday after a religious ceremony attended by President Dmitry Medvedev that bore all the hallmarks of a state funeral.

Hundreds of elderly Russians came to bid farewell to the deeply religious Nobel literature prize laureate whose body lay wrapped in cloths and red roses for several hours in an open coffin in the Russian Orthodox ceremony in Moscow.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Solzhenitsyn was buried on the Donskoi monastery grounds after the service, which was broadcast live on state television, featured a military band.

Medvedev, who cut short his vacation to attend the service, looked solemn as he gazed at Solzhenitsyn's ashen face before offering condolences to his widow Natalia at the church, its high red ceilings decorated with paintings of Russian saints.

As priests chanted prayers and hymns, Natalia, her three sons and grandchildren silently wept and crossed themselves at the foot of Solzhenitsyn's coffin.

Medvedev's eyes welled up with tears when the coffin was lowered into the grave. Rifles were fired in salute and a tribute was played by a military band.

Solzhenitsyn, a prominent critic of the tyranny of Soviet rule and Josef Stalin's labour camps, died of heart failure in his house near Moscow on Sunday. He was 89.

Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, leader of the banned National Bolsheviks party Eduard Limonov, diplomats, several members of the Russian literary elite and ordinary Russians held thin gold candles and chanted prayers during the service.

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Movies

Samuel Bayer signs on for Fiasco

THRILLER Music videos veteran Samuel Bayer, who directed Nirvana's Smells Like Teen Spirit, has signed on to shoot the action thriller Fiasco Heights.

Bayer is also attached to a remake of Near Dark, a 1987 vampire horror originally directed by Kathryn Bigelow.

His other music clips include Green Day's Boulevard of Broken Dreams and Justin Timberlake's What Goes Around Comes Around.

REUTERS

Jacksons to receive BMI lifetime achievement award

HONOUR The Jacksons will receive a lifetime achievement award during performing rights group BMI's eighth annual Urban Awards on Sept. 4.

Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael Jackson will be bestowed with the Icon award during the ceremony, which honours the most-performed R&B/hip-hop songs of the past year in the BMI repertoire.

A BMI spokeswoman said Michael Jackson has yet to confirm his attendance, but the others will be on hand at the Wilshire Theatre in Beverly Hills. As honorees, the Jacksons will not perform. Other artists, as yet unannounced, will take the stage to cover the group's songs.

Starting out as The Jackson 5 in their hometown of Gary, Ind., the siblings found fame at Motown Records where they enjoyed a string of hits beginning with 1969's I Want You Back.

Later smashes included Enjoy Yourself, Shake Your Body (Down to the Ground) and State of Shock with Mick Jagger, released in 1984.

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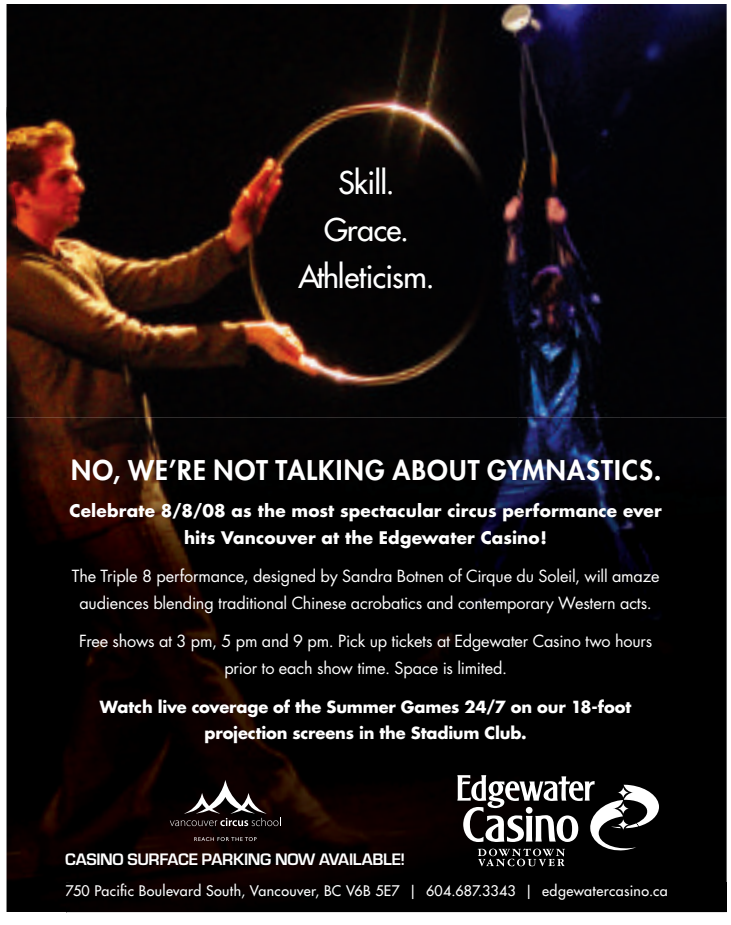

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Show gets Practice

Actor Grant Show has signed on to appear in an early Season 2 episode of ABC's Private Practice, sources said. His character, a charming and flirtatious doctor, is said to have ties to a Practice regular. EW.COM

Freeman divorcing

BREAKUP Morgan Freeman is divorcing his wife of 24 years, imdb.com reports his attorney as having confirmed.

Freeman, 71, denied allegations he was splitting from his wife Myrna Colley-Lee in June after reports alleged the Oscar-winning actor had been unfaithful.

But just days after Freeman was involved in a serious car accident at the weekend, his Mississippi-based lawyer and business partner Bill Luckett have confirmed the split.

In a statement, Luckett says the former couple "are involved in a divorce action," adding, "for legal and practical purposes (Freeman and Colley-Lee) have been separated since December of 2007."

Freeman was involved in the wreckage with a female passenger, identified as Demaris Meyer, whose relationship to the actor is unknown. She has been described as the actor's friend.

Both Freeman and Meyer had to be cut free from the car, before they were airlifted to a Tennessee hospital where the star has undergone surgery for serious injuries to his left arm and shoulder.

Meyer reportedly suffered only minor injuries in the crash but remains "in good condition."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment in brief

PEOPLE Actress Amanda Bynes has fired her reps at Creative Artists Agency, and is currently taking meetings with a number of the majors.
Bynes had a supporting role in Hairspray last summer, and is set to star opposite Harry Connick Jr. in Living Proof, a medical drama set to air this fall on Lifetime. REUTERS

MOVIES Gore Verbinski, best known for Disney's Pirates of the Caribbean movies, has signed a three-year first-look deal with Universal.
The director already has a project set up at the studio, the video-game adaptation BioShock, which is set in the mysterious underwater utopia named Rapture. REUTERS

U.S. networks mock marriage: Watchdog

U.S. television shows undermine marriage with negative references and by depicting sex between unmarried partners nearly four times more often than wedded couples, a TV watchdog group has said.

ABC/RON TOM PHOTO

The Parents Television Council points out Desperate Housewives as a TV show that depicts sex between unmarried couples.

The conservative Parents Television Council released a report titled Happily Never After that found the greatest frequency of references to sex outside marriage were during evening prime-time viewing hours, when children are most likely to be watching.

The council said it was not advocating for more depictions of married couples having sex, but it would like to see more positive depictions of matrimony.

"The anti-marriage bias in some of these programs is so transparent it's almost comical," said Melissa Henson, a spokeswoman for the nonprofit group.

Henson singled out a storyline in the ABC comedy Desperate Housewives, in which a husband and wife get divorced and then reignite their relationship by having sex together as divorcees — and enjoying it more.

The group examined all scripted prime-time TV shows on the major broadcast networks for four weeks in the fall.

It found ABC had the most references to marital sex of any network, but many of these were negative.

But TV Watch, a coalition that several broadcast networks participate in, discounted the study's methods and findings.

"What we're talking about is subjective, and it's subjective for parents depending on their values and their kids' age," said Jim Dyke, executive director of TV Watch. REUTERS

5th Grader heads to syndication

TELEVISION The Fox quiz show Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? is moving into syndication.

Twentieth Television is expected to announce shortly that it will debut a syndicated version in fall 2009. Comedian Jeff Foxworthy, who hosts the prime-time version, is expected to take the reins.

A representative for Twentieth, the Fox corporate sibling that handles syndication, declined comment. But the distributor was known to have been developing a syndicated version of the show for several months.

NBC Universal is launching a syndicated version of NBC's Deal or No Deal in September.

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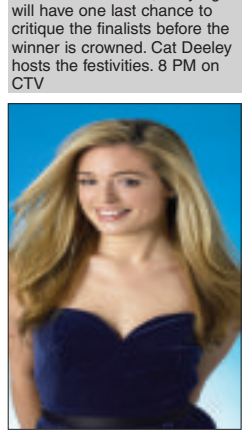
critics' corner

So You Think You Can Dance

The votes are in, and tonight we learn which contestant becomes America's new favorite dancer, joining season one winner Nick Lazzarini, season two champ Benji Schwimmer and season three victor Sabra Johnson. Of course, the judges will have one last chance to critique the finalists before the winner is crowned. Cat Deeley hosts the festivities. 8 PM on CTV



Last Comic Standing

Are we having fun yet? The votes are in, and tonight the winner of this talent contest for stand-up comedians is crowned. The victor gets $250,000, a talent contract with NBC, a new vehicle and a starring appearance in a Las Vegas show. In addition to the announcement of the winner, the season finale includes performances by Jon Lovitz and last year's winner, Jon Reep. Gilbert Gottfried, Joel McHale, and Penn & Teller also stop by. 8 PM on NBC

Going out

- 7 p.m.: San Diego alternative rock band Angels and Airwaves perform live. At Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville St. Tix: 34.50. Info: livenation.com.
- 7:30 p.m.: Vancouver TheatreSports. At New Revue Stage, 1601 Johnston St. Tix: $10.50-14.50. Info: vtl.com.
- 8 p.m.: The Tempest. At Bard on the Beach, 301-601 Cambie St. Tix: $33. Info: bardonthebeach.org.
- 8 p.m.: The Back Kitchen Release Party. At Granville Island Stage, 1585 Johnston St. Tix: $31-38. Info: artsclub.com.
- 9:15 p.m.: Ultimate Improv Championship. At New Revue Stage, 1601 Johnston St. Tix: $8.50. Info: vtl.com.

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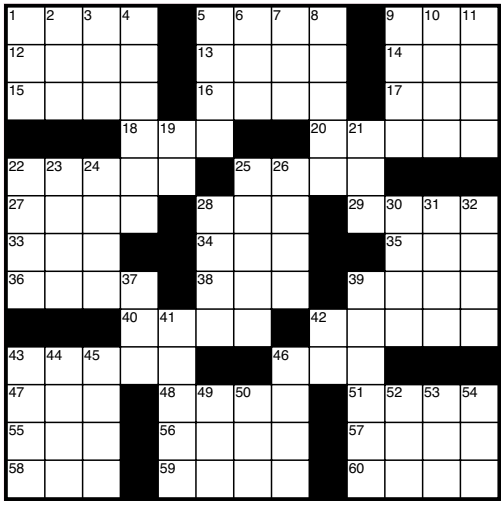
New baby for Bice

American Idol rocker Bo Bice and his wife Carolyn welcomed their second child together, a son named Caleb, Tuesday in Nashville, Tenn. The couple are also parents to son Aidan, who will be three in September. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Take Five



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23 Tiresome one
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25 Pirate's take
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previous day's answer

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This day in history

AUG. 7, 1679: The brigantine Le Griffon, commissioned by René Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, is towed to the south-eastern end of the Niagara River, to become the first ship to sail the upper Great Lakes of North America.
AUG. 7, 1945: U.S. President Harry Truman announces the bombing of Hiroshima with an atomic bomb while returning from the Potsdam Conference aboard the heavy cruiser USS Augusta (CA-31) in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean.
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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A slothful friend makes a break with the past. Creative people will achieve their objectives. A hot romance will be put on hold.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Money is coming from a strange place. Don't give up when a fantasy seems unattainable. A sweetheart gets rewards for fair play.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Be more professional on the job. Unfinished business returns to haunt you. You have an overpowering urge to take immediate action.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A man has solutions to serious problems. A message sets the framework for romance. A manic friend gives you some wacky inspiration.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Make an agreement when a friend is in need. Someone cries the blues about being neglected. Discreditable dealings start to dissipate.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Excellent treatment creates a welcoming mood. A radical change in surroundings is needed. Don't look for love in the wrong places.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't hesitate to settle a dispute. A bitter conflict leads to a sweet resolution. Playing games with worthy opponents will lead to victory.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24- NOV 22
Allow yourself to play out a hunch. A therapist has much to offer. Carelessness leads to strong words.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23- DEC 21
Insight is gained from an intimate encounter. Walk with a friend who feels miserable. A brat interferes with your concentration.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Caress a friend's dented ego. Someone wants to look at your confidential material. A strange creature provokes your curiosity.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Soon you'll be sure that you've found the right one. Your actions make a difference in someone's life. You'll cheer up after a chat.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MAR 20
Anticipate a brief power battle in the morning. Don't walk away from a winning situation. A reckless woman makes an error.

Sudoku

		7					1	
3	1						5	4
		5	2			9	3	
6				9	8		2	
				6				
	2		1	7				3
	4	6			7	3		
1	7						4	9
	9					2		

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

2	4	6	8	3	1	9	5	7
5	7	1	2	9	4	3	6	8
8	3	9	6	7	5	2	1	4
6	8	4	1	2	9	7	3	5
7	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	1
9	1	5	7	8	3	4	2	6
4	9	7	5	6	2	1	8	3
1	5	2	3	4	8	6	7	9
3	6	8	9	1	7	5	4	2

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

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21-25. . . . . Not bad
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Low: 13.5°

Records
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Low: 8.3°/1946

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Wedding's off
Designer Tommy Hilfiger's wedding has been called off, just days before the ceremony was due to take place. He was set to marry Dee Ocleppo on the Caribbean island of Mustique tomorrow. The split is said to be amicable. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Jen may eye parenthood with John

RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Aniston is so head-over-heels in love, she's convinced for the first time since her marriage crumbled in 2005 that the time is right for her to finally become a mother, starmagazine.com reports.

"She feels so loved," says the friend of the actress' relationship with singer John Mayer. "John has really been doting on her. I mean, the presents, phone calls, romantic dinners — he's laying it on thick. It all makes Jen feel really important and special."

Aniston reportedly feels that after all she has been through watching her ex-husband Brad Pitt's family with actress Angelina Jolie grow, she'd love for Pitt to see photos of her holding her own baby.

"Jen feels so strongly that John is 'the one,' " says a source. "She knows he can handle being a dad."

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Scarlett's all for Canada

RELATIONSHIPS Scarlett Johansson, who in May announced her engagement to Canadian-born actor Ryan Reynolds, says she's eager to become an honorary Canadian — and hopefully pass through the border quickly from now on, People.com reports.

"I'm very excited," the actress said. "I've had wonderful times in Canada. It's a lovely country. It's a beautiful country and hopefully I'll be able to get through immigration faster now!"

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celebrity brief

Leona working on fashion line

RUMOUR Leona Lewis is set to launch her own fashion line, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer is due to meet Sir Philip Green, the owner of British high street chain Topshop, about designing her own collection.

Lewis has said she would like to design non-leather shoes and bags.

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Angie pregnant with No. 3

BABY NEWS Angie Harmon is prepping for baby No. 3, starmagazine.com reports.

The actress is three and half months along with her third child. She already has two daughters, Finley, 4, and Avery, 3, with retired football player Jason Sehorn.

"She is over the moon and glowing," a source said. "And because the actress is so thin she is already sporting a tiny bump."

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Keira out to prove smarts

PEOPLE "I am completely uneducated."

That's Keira Knightley, talking to Tatler about how her lack of higher learning has made her more determined to expand her knowledge base, MSN Entertainment reports.

"Not going to university did give me an incredible driving force because it leaves you with a slight chip on your shoulder," the actress admits. "It makes me feel I am going to read absolutely everything so I can prove that I am not stupid."

Among the highbrow tomes on Knightley's bookshelf: a history of the Vietnam War, a biography on Hitler's go-to architect Albert Speer and Germaine Greer's The Female Eunuch.

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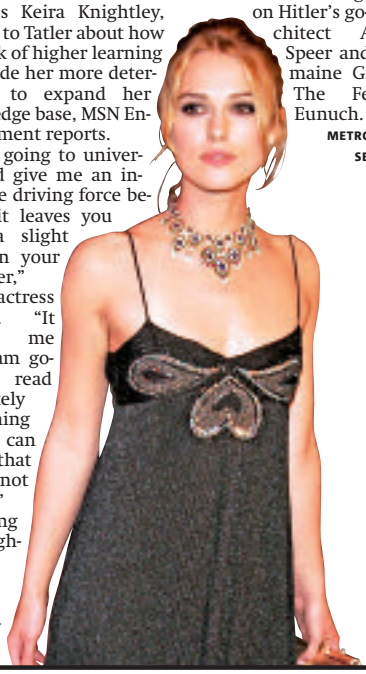

"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Scarlett Johansson wants to become a Canadian? Easy peasey, Scar. Just wait for somebody to step on your foot, then apologize to them. This, plus getting a hockey haircut, will automatically qualify you for Canadian citizenship.

In all fairness to the TV executive who told **Anna Friel** to lay off the doughnuts, he had just watched her scream, "You! You! Git in ma belly!" at a Krispy Kreme.

Leona Lewis wants to design "animal-friendly" bags. I have an extremely animal-friendly hockey bag in my attic. A raccoon had babies inside it. I'm mailing it to her tomorrow.

Katie Holmes just wants you to know she's a normal girl. She trips, she runs into things, and she spills food. This tells me just one thing: **Tom Cruise** needs to get somebody to look at his wireless "Katie-Controller" system. What's the use of surgically altering your wife's appearance until it's identical to your own if the chip in her head goes on the fritz and she escapes?

Chace Crawford frets over his grandparents blanching at the sight of him having sex on a barstool? I never had that problem, but of course, my grandparents owned the bar.

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DiCaprio mourns grandmother
Leonardo DiCaprio is mourning the death of his beloved grandmother. The actor's grandmother Helene Indenbirken died in a hospital in her native North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. She was 93. No date or cause of death has yet been confirmed. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Cameron's relationship on the rocks?

RELATIONSHIPS Cameron Diaz reportedly wants to end her romance with her latest lover Paul Sculfor, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress' relationship with the model is in trouble after just two months, say friends.

Diaz is now said to be suggesting a trial separation, despite recently making plans to move in with Sculfor.

"Paul has moved his things into Cameron's Los Angeles home, but she insists the relationship has no strings attached," a source told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper. "She has a 'don't ask, don't tell' rule — when they aren't in each other's company they can do as they like. She keeps telling Paul she's not ready to settle down and scrapped plans to fly to the U.K. to meet his family."

Diaz started dating Sculfor after his split from actress Jennifer Aniston.

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Show makes Chace squirm

TELEVISION Chace Crawford says he can sometimes get uncomfortable with the racy undertone of his hit show Gossip Girl, usmagazine.com reports.

"Is that a weight on my conscience?" Crawford says in an interview with London's The Independent. "Well, yes, I think it is. I come from a moral background, and I can see the power of the show, and imagine my old school teachers cringing, or my grandparents thinking, 'Oh, my God,' when they see me, say, having sex on a barstool. But you have to remember, this is not a reality show. It's supposed to be pure entertainment."

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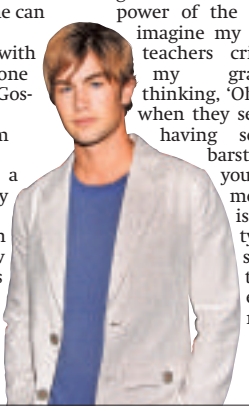

Katie admits nerdiness

PEOPLE Katie Holmes has revealed she was a nerd at school, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress admits despite her calm and elegant exterior, she is actually just like everybody else.

"I can't deny that I'm a nerd," Holmes said. "I am who I am. I'm pretty normal, I'm not a smooth type of girl, I run into things, I trip, I spill food, I say stupid things — I really don't have it all together. But I'm working on it — I really am."

Holmes also revealed she never had much luck with boys while she was at school.

"In hindsight, I think going to an all-girls school meant we missed out socially," she added to Britain's OK! Magazine. "We came out of school and it was suddenly, 'Oh my God! Boys!' I was all about, 'How do I look? What is he thinking?' We weren't used to being around boys in a normal setting and seeing them as friends."

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Justin dishes about Madonna

MUSIC Singer Justin Timberlake has opened up about working with pop star Madonna, deeming her as a very "specific" person to work with, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Timberlake, who collaborated with Madonna on the single 4 Minutes, admits it took time for them to see eye to eye during their recording sessions.

"Madonna is definitely specific about what she wants and I can't knock her for that," he said. "I respond to that because I'm that way, too. But I also think that it took us just a second to mesh our style, that's all. We're both strong personalities, some of us stronger than others and I didn't know it at the time. But I actually enjoyed the process of working with her."

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Anna reveals weight struggle

PEOPLE British actress Anna Friel found it hard to find work when she moved to the United States because she refused to lose weight for roles, imdb.com reports.

"The obsession with weight today is just incredible .... I don't understand it," the Pushing Daisies star says.

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It's baby times 2 for Lisa Marie

BABY NEWS Lisa Marie Presley is pregnant with twins, her rep has confirmed.

Presley, 40, who is expected to give birth in the fall, has two teenage children, daughter Riley, 19, and son Benjamin, 15, with ex Danny Keough. The twins will be Presley's first children with husband Michael Lockwood.

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